

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Assaf DEKEL  
Serial Number: 10/031,450  
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For: Method and Apparatus for Spinal Procedures

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington DC 20231

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371  
IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

This is a response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed on April 1, 2002.

Enclosed herewith for filing are the following:

- A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US).
- A properly signed declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b).
- A surcharge of \$65.00 for late filing of declaration.

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the above-identified Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371. The requested extension is for two months, from June 1, 2002 until August 1, 2002. Enclosed herewith is an extension fee of \$200.00. If an additional time extension is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

**REMARKS**

As the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office points out in the Notification of Missing Requirements dated April 1, 2002, the inventor's name in the original declaration filed in the above-referenced application was, inadvertently and without deceptive intent, set out in error.

The correct name should be Assaf DEKEL, in compliance with the published international application, and in accordance with the revised Declaration and Power of Attorney submitted herewith.

Furthermore, applicant points out that the additional claims have been canceled in a Preliminary Amendment being filed concurrently.

Please see attached transmittal letter for deposit account authorization.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Priority Document
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Oath or Declaration
- Small Entity Statement

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
  - The inventor's name on the declaration is different to the name that is on the published International Application.
- \$65 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN**

**ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Additionally the following defects have been observed:

- Additional claim fees of \$36 as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is \$101 for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$36
  - \$36 for 40 total claims over 20,

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.*

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**PART 1 - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY**

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER  
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In Re Application Of: Assaf DEKEL

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SPINAL PROCEDURES

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

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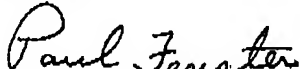
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in the above identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is attached.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 03-3419 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Charge the amount of \$265.00
- ☒ Credit any overpayment.
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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on 7-31-02 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.

  
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